

Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 99 (Kington St Michael – Chippenham)

Summary of proposed change

Service 99 is withdrawn in its current form. Service 92 will instead divert on alternate journeys via Kington St Michael to provide a two hourly service to Chippenham and Malmesbury. A reduced service between Chippenham town centre and Monkton Park will be provided by a new service 99, and a reduced service to Cepen Park will be provided by diverting service 35 (Chippenham – Castle Combe).

Commentary on current service

Service 99 currently provides seven journeys a day between Kington St Michael and Chippenham on Mondays to Saturdays, between approx 0730 and 1800. It also serves Monkton Park (between 0900 and 1600 only), Frogwell, Bumpers Farm and Cepen Park (north) in Chippenham. It is the main public transport service for all of these places.

Overall the service carries around 27,000 passenger journeys a year, excluding school pupils entitled to free transport. Around a half of these travel to/from Monkton Park, and a third (around 20 - 30 single passenger trips a day) to/from Kington St Michael. There are about 10 single passenger trips a day to/from Cepen Park, and only an occasional passenger across the whole day from Frogwell or Bumpers Farm. Most of the use made of the service is in the mornings, with few (only 10%) of passengers travelling after 1400.

Explanation of proposed changes

Although some journeys are reasonably used, other parts of the current service are poorly used. The current timetable is also difficult to operate reliably and is expensive to provide because (together with service 35) it requires the use of more than one driver each day. We have therefore been looking at ways of operating these services in a different and more cost-effective way, whilst still meeting the majority of the needs of our existing passengers. It is therefore proposed to replace service 99 in its current form and replace it with the following;

Buses to Kington St Michael; all buses to Kington St Michael will be provided by diverting certain journeys on bus service 92, which runs between Malmesbury and Chippenham. School children travelling to/from Kington St Michael will be carried on a separate school bus.

Buses to Monkton Park estate; the bus service for Monkton Park estate will be provided by a separate service rather than by diverting other services on their way into or out of town. There will be a similar frequency of service in the mornings, but with no service in the afternoons after 1400.

Buses to Cepen Park (north); bus service 35 (Castle Combe – Chippenham) will divert via Stainers Way and call at the Morrisons supermarket, providing a service of three / four journeys a day between approx 0930 and 1600.

Frogwell and Bumpers Park; owing to the very low level of use, no replacement will be provided.

Proposed timetable

A summary of the alternative services to Monkton Park, Kington St Michael and Cepen Park is shown below.

These proposals are part of a package of changes that, taken together, are intended to make the services in the area as a whole more sustainable and affordable, and to provide cost-effective services that meet the needs of existing users at an affordable cost to the council. We believe that

the proposed changes meet these objectives, but if you have other suggestions about how this might be achieved we would be pleased to receive them.

Similar information sheets are available for each of the bus services affected by the North West Wiltshire review. A consultation on the proposals is under way and will close on 7 October 2013. Details of other services and of the consultation can be found on the council's website (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>) or are available from the Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.

Bus Service 92A - linking Kington St. Michael and Chippenham

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

Service Number	NS				
	92A	92B	92A	92A	92A
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0715	0900	1100	1300	1500
Kington St Michael village	0735	0930	1120	1320	1520
Morrison's roundabout	0740	0935	1125	1325	1525
Chippenham, Rail Station	R	R	R	R	R
Chippenham, Bus Station	0752	0947	1137	1337	1537

Service Number						NS	
	92A	92A	92A	92B	92B	92B	
Chippenham, Bus Station	1110	1310	1510	1710	1810	1840	
Chippenham, Rail Station	1117	1317	1517	1717	1817	1847	
Morrison's roundabout	1125	1325	1525	1725	1825	1855	
Kington St Michael village	1130	1330	1530	1730	R	R	
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	1150	1350	1550	1755	R	R	

KEY:
 NS - Not Saturdays
 R - Calls at this point if required to set down passengers

Bus Service 35 - linking Cepen Park North and Chippenham

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

Cepen Park, Morrison's	0913	1113	1313	Chippenham, Bus Station	1020	1220	1420	1620
Stainers Way, Sheepscroft Way	0914	1114	1314	Chippenham, Town Centre, Bath Rd	1023	1223	1423	1623
Bythebrook, Hathaway medical centre	0916	1116	1316	Chippenham, Railway Station	1026	1226	1426	1626
Chippenham, Railway Station	R	R	R	Bythebrook, Hathaway medical centre	1028	1228	1428	1628
Chippenham, Town Bridge	0923	1123	1323	Cepen Park, Morrison's	1032	1232	1432	1632
Chippenham, Bus Station	0926	1126	1326	Stainers Way, Sheepscroft Way	1033	1233	1433	1633

NOTE – this service also serves Castle Combe and Yatton Keynell

KEY: R - Calls at this point if required to set down passengers

Bus Service 99 - linking Monkton Park and the Town Centre

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

Chippenham, Bus Station	0930	1130	1330
Chippenham, Town Centre, Bath Rd	0933	1133	1333
Monkton Park, Lady Coventry Rd	0938	1138	1338
Chippenham, Town Bridge	0944	1144	1344
Chippenham, Bus Station	0947	1147	1347